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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Edna Wong	1753	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 8-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11 and 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 8-10, 13 and 14 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/8/02 and 7/8/02</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

Specification

I. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract is more than one paragraph long and is more than 150 words. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

II. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

pages 1-7, the -- Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawing(s) -- is missing. See MPEP § 608.01(f). A reference to and brief description of the drawing(s) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.74.

page 1, line 17, the word "with" (second occurrence) should be deleted.

page 2, line 30, the word "be" (second occurrence) should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

Claims **8 and 11** are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 8

line 9, it is suggested that the word "this" be amended to the word -- the --.

Claim 11

line 2, the word -- is -- should be inserted after the word "metal".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims **11 and 12** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11

line 2, the use of the word "or" twice in the claim makes the scope of the claim unclear.

Claim 12

line 2, it appears that the "bonded wires" are further limiting the conductive elements recited in claim 8, line 5. However, it is unclear if they are. If they are, then it is suggested that the words "wherein the pins and the connection pads are connected by" be amended to -- wherein the conductive elements are --.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims **8-13** define over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest a method for making a sensor of physical qualities comprising the steps of preparing, electrically connecting, plunging, performing and performing as presently claimed, esp., the steps of performing an electrolytic deposition of at least one conductive metal on the pin ends, the connection pads, and the conductive elements that connect them; and performing an oxidizing or nitrizing operation on this metal to make an insulating coat on the connection pads, the pin ends, and the conductive elements that connect them.

Claim **14** defines over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach or suggest a sensor of physical quantities obtained by the method of claim 8.

The prior art does not contain any language that teaches or suggests the above. Therefore, a person skilled in the art would not have been motivated to adopt the above conditions, and a prima facie case of obviousness cannot be established.

Claims 8-14 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

Claims 11 and 12 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Citations

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Takao et al. (US Patent No. 4,126,532) is cited to teach an oxygen sensor.

Simmonds (US Patent No. 5,110,034) is cited to teach a method for bonding a thin ribbon superconducting lead to a thin film bonding pad on a device substrate.

JP 59-161852 is cited to teach a passivation layer **3'** surrounding the pad part of a wire **4'** (abstract).

JP 10-242205 is cited to teach electrolessly plating on W or Mo terminals (abstract).

JP 2003-322574 is cited to teach a pressure sensor (abstract).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edna Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-1349. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7:30 am to 5:00 pm, alt. Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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